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	Males	Females	Persons		Building Work Approved	New Dwellings in Houses and Flats Completed	
	Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand	£ thousand	Number	
<b>Year :</b>	1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	1944-45	536.0	247.9	783.9	4,721	n.a.	n.a.
	1945-46	618.5	242.3	860.8	4,980	n.a.	5,500†
	1946-47	671.8	252.1	923.9	5,851	48,925‡	12,344‡
	1947-48	702.3	261.9	964.2	6,970	53,440	15,415
	1948-49	705.5	263.8	969.3	8,105	66,146	18,758
	1949-50	740.8	278.5	1,019.3	8,988	83,981	19,841
<b>1950:</b>	Jan.	729.6	273.2	1,002.8	8,864	5,760	4,355
	Feb.	735.1	276.1	1,011.2		7,300	
	Mar.	736.7	278.7	1,015.4		8,181	
	April	737.0	277.5	1,014.5		5,586	
	May	740.7	279.6	1,020.3		10,085	
	June	740.8	278.5	1,019.3		8,103	
	July	740.4	279.0	1,019.4		8,785	
	Aug.	742.8	279.6	1,022.4		8,968	
	Sept.	744.9	281.7	1,026.6		9,236	
	Oct.	746.2	285.7	1,031.9		10,285	
	Nov.	748.3	289.2	1,037.5		9,663	
	Dec.	751.4	289.8	1,041.2		7,541	
<b>1951:</b>	Jan.	752.1	284.9	1,037.0	n.y.a.	8,498	n.y.a.
	Feb.	754.4	288.3	1,042.7		9,377	
	Mar.	752.3	288.7	1,041.0		12,927	
	Apr.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		10,467	

Table No. :—		30.		36.		40.		41.	
Period	Wool Sold at Auction *	Oversea Trade. (Merchandise only)		Nine Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits			
		Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances				
	£ thousand	£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.	At end of period—£ million					
<b>Year :</b>	1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5		
	1944-45	22,622§	112.8	60.8	225.2	83.4	198.2		
	1945-46	23,276§	86.1	76.4	237.2	90.6	236.2		
	1946-47	32,910	93.0	116.5	244.3	116.5	231.4		
	1947-48	52,972	150.4	134.7	265.4	142.9	237.0		
	1948-49	67,331	177.2	176.6	301.3	150.4	244.5		
	1949-50	107,714	214.0	216.6	394.0	166.2	258.9		
<b>1950:</b>	Jan.	10,812	20.2	19.3	359.1	151.6	250.6		
	Feb.	13,195	15.7	21.5	375.8	150.3	251.8		
	Mar.	14,325	23.1	27.2	389.7	151.6	252.6		
	April	532	15.7	16.2	393.0	156.6	253.5		
	May	9,161	25.8	27.3	388.9	155.9	253.7		
	June	9,061	19.8	14.2	394.0	166.2	258.9		
	July	561	21.1	15.9	389.0	170.3	260.0		
	Aug.	8,047	25.4	13.2	386.8	169.7	259.0		
	Sept.	17,833	24.7	13.3	388.7	170.9	259.7		
	Oct.	27,230	21.4	30.6	406.5	175.8	259.3		
	Nov.	32,643	22.3	32.7	423.7	183.5	259.0		
	Dec.	9,696	18.8	28.1	438.0	190.9	260.1		
<b>1951:</b>	Jan.	37,013	26.2	34.3	443.4	183.7	261.7		
	Feb.	37,081	26.7	27.8	461.5	193.1	264.4		
	Mar.	20,524	23.4	33.2	489.7	200.0	278.7		
	Apr.	16,752	27.1	44.8	494.4	191.4	279.4		

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† Houses only.

‡ Partly estimated.

§ Includes equalisation payments.

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N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered		Coal Production		Electricity Generated		Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried	Millions	Thousands tons	Number	Thousands tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousands tons	
186.7	14,679	28,335		11,196*		1,948	1,168†	1938-39: Year
254.1	17,793	2,785		11,096		2,877	1,346†	1944-45
267.4	15,872	3,814		10,030		2,832	1,054†	1945-46
261.6	16,539	13,608		11,212		3,229	1,312†	1946-47
263.0	17,407	26,200		11,780		3,546	1,343†	1947-48
263.1	16,903	37,665		11,736		3,717	1,129	1948-49
258.2	15,890	61,656		11,290		3,758 r	1,266 r	1949-50
23.2	1,379	3,877		771		306	118 r	Jan.: 1950
21.1	1,411	4,846		982		310	115 r	Feb.
21.4	1,543	6,521		1,095		349	112 r	Mar.
23.5	1,277	5,020		910		322 r	105 r	April
24.1	1,601	8,270		1,246		372 r	114 r	May
21.2	1,298	7,358		977		380	124 r	June
22.8	1,371	6,672		1,042		385	104	July
22.0	1,596	7,264		1,229		381	125	Aug.
22.4	1,528	7,231		1,152		355	136	Sept.
22.9	1,524	7,002		1,203		353	133	Oct.
21.5	1,632	7,583		1,211		348	131	Nov.
21.7	1,364	6,053		980		334	118	Dec.
23.4	1,171	5,028		548		329	93	Jan.: 1951
20.9	1,235	5,996		870 r		318	97	Feb.
22.6	1,283	5,474		1,007 r		351	107	Mar.
24.1	1,424	5,926		1,126		357	129	Apr.
42.	44.	45.	50.	52.	53.	Table No.		
Bank Clearings, Sydney	Sydney Stock Exchange	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : "C" Series All Items (Sydney) Index *	Basic Wage, Sydney			
Index *	Share Values				Adult Males *			Period
Average 1926-30 = 100	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 1000	Average 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week			
99	175.6	35,272	1011	928	81			1938-39 : Year
157	192.2	23,350	1405	1142	99			1944-45
171	210.2	35,660	1412	1151	99			1945-46
214	240.0	57,899	1429	1182	108			1946-47
248	262.6	60,202	1588	1259	114			1947-48
298	258.2	62,229	1809	1378	124			1948-49
356	270.0	125,952	2054	1504	135			1949-50
552	272.0	9,346	2074			132		Jan.: 1950
351	277.5	10,314	2109			135		Feb.
367	285.+	12,896	2109			135		Mar.
391	292.6	11,211	2222			135		April
402	293.4	17,212	2208			138		May
402	293.6	15,129	2229			138		June
402	289.1	15,240	2231			138		July
398	296.9	15,021	2319††			142		Aug.
393	306.4	15,813	2336††			142		Sept.
413	312.1	13,941	2372††			142		Oct.
442	334.8	13,240	2429††			146		Nov.
474	334.9	15,623	2429††			165		Dec.
481	346.9	17,300	2488††			165		Jan.: 1951
493	349.3	15,778	2563††			173		Feb.
508	350.3	14,979	2735††			173		Mar.
546	356.1	14,735	n.y.a.			173		Apr.

¶ Year ended 31st May. || Operative from February. \*\* Year ended 31st December, 1939. †† See note † Table 50.

## 2. Population, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Migration, New South Wales

Period	Population at end of Period			Live Births	Deaths	Net Immigration	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons				
Number							
Year : 1939	1,393,358	1,373,057	2,766,415	48,003	26,815	8,044*	25,471
1947	1,504,350	1,503,232	3,007,582	69,398	28,449	4,277*	30,172
1948	1,531,990	1,530,354	3,062,344	67,234	30,403	17,931	30,164
1949	1,594,724	1,581,211	3,175,935	68,812	29,364	74,143	28,757
1950	1,649,486	1,628,550	3,278,036	71,592	30,955	61,464	30,036
1948 : Sept. Qr.	1,520,961	1,518,664	3,039,625	17,035	9,003	6,275	6,678
Dec. Qr.	1,531,990	1,530,354	3,062,344	16,534	6,768	12,953	8,079
1949 : Mar. Qr.	1,545,909	1,540,471	3,086,380	16,397	6,392	14,031	7,484
June Qr.	1,561,592	1,552,067	3,113,659	16,974	7,476	17,781	7,404
Sept. Qr.	1,574,988	1,564,163	3,139,151	18,267	8,542	15,767	6,121
Dec. Qr.	1,594,724	1,581,211	3,175,935	17,174	6,954	26,564	7,748
1950 : Mar. Qr.	1,610,106	1,593,872	3,203,978	17,888	6,661	16,816	7,940
June Qr.	1,621,456	1,603,786	3,225,242	17,715	7,482	11,031	7,636
Sept. Qr.	1,631,713	1,612,884	3,244,597	18,123	9,612	10,844	6,513
Dec. Qr.	1,649,486	1,628,550	3,278,036	17,866	7,200	22,773	7,947

\* Includes intercensal adjustment.

(-) Denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) was 1,274,930 at 31st December, 1939, and 1,549,590 at 31st December, 1949.

## EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

(1) The following estimates are based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities. (2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month. (3) Workers in rural industry, female domestics in private households, and persons on the paid strength of the defence forces are excluded.

## 3. Wage and Salary Earners in Employment

(Excluding Rural Workers, Domestics in Private Households, and Defence Forces)

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : July	156.9	46.1	203.0	365.2	207.7	572.9	522.1	253.8	775.9
1945 : Aug.	155.6	42.8	198.4	386.4	205.3	591.7	542.0	248.1	790.1
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
1949 : June†	195.4	36.0	231.4	510.1	227.8	737.9	705.5	263.8	969.3
1950 : June	202.7	39.1	241.8	538.1	239.4	777.5	740.8	278.5	1,019.3
1949 : Nov.	198.2	38.0	236.2	527.0	237.8	764.8	725.2	275.8	1,001.0
Dec.	200.0	38.2	238.2	526.9	240.1	767.0	726.9	278.3	1,005.2
1950 : Jan.	200.0	38.1	238.1	529.6	235.1	764.7	729.6	273.2	1,002.8
Feb.	200.5	38.5	239.0	534.6	237.6	772.2	735.1	276.1	1,011.2
Mar.	201.8	38.7	240.5	534.9	240.0	774.9	736.7	278.7	1,015.4
1950 : Nov.	203.9	39.8	243.7	544.4	249.4	793.8	748.3	289.2	1,037.5
Dec.	205.8	39.7	245.5	545.6	250.1	795.7	751.4	289.8	1,041.2
1951 : Jan.	206.3	40.6	246.9	545.8	244.3	790.1	752.1	284.9	1,037.0
Feb.	206.8	41.3	248.1	547.6	247.0	794.6	754.4	288.3	1,042.7
Mar.	206.9	41.1	248.0	545.4	247.6	793.0	752.3	288.7	1,041.0

\* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities. See note (2) above.

† Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

**4. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Principal Industrial Groups\***  
 (Excluding Rural Workers, Domestics in Private Households, and Defence Forces)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Professional and Personal Services ‡
Thousands								
MALES								
1939 : July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.0	.....	44.0
1943 : July	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	10.5	22.9	28.7	39.6
1945 : Aug.	24.9	216.9	32.3	86.7	11.4	24.9	30.5	46.5
1946 : June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1
1947 : June	26.6	252.1	55.7	102.8	18.8	37.6	46.4	62.4
1948 : June	28.1	265.2	60.1	107.9	19.5	39.8	49.3	64.7
1949 : June §	24.4	257.4	64.5	110.9	20.4	42.1	50.1	66.1
1950 : June	28.1	277.2	67.9	114.4	21.2	45.2	50.3	67.2
1949 : Nov.	28.3	268.6	64.9	111.2	20.6	44.0	50.6	66.6
Dec.	28.2	268.0	64.6	111.4	20.6	43.6	52.8	67.3
1950 : Jan.	28.3	271.2	65.3	111.5	20.7	44.1	50.4	67.7
Feb.	28.5	273.8	65.9	112.3	20.8	45.2	50.3	67.5
Mar.	28.4	274.6	66.7	112.9	21.1	44.2	50.3	68.1
1950 : Nov.	28.7	278.8	70.6	112.8	21.3	46.7	52.6	67.2
Dec.	28.6	278.4	70.1	114.7	21.4	46.7	54.3	67.4
1951 : Jan.	28.6	280.4	70.5	114.7	21.5	47.1	51.2	67.8
Feb.	29.0	280.4	71.4	115.0	21.7	47.4	51.2	67.8
Mar.	28.9	279.3	71.6	114.0	21.7	47.5	51.0	67.6
FEMALES								
1939 : July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	36.0
1943 : July	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	9.9	10.7	38.5	65.9
1945 : Aug.	0.2	86.0	0.7	14.6	10.6	10.8	37.8	70.3
1946 : June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3
1947 : June	0.2	86.5	1.0	12.8	10.4	11.9	40.7	77.1
1948 : June	0.2	90.2	1.1	13.9	10.9	12.9	43.0	79.6
1949 : June §	0.3	88.7	1.2	14.7	11.7	13.4	42.7	80.9
1950 : June	0.3	97.2	1.3	15.3	12.6	14.3	43.7	83.1
1949 : Nov.	0.3	96.0	1.2	15.0	12.0	14.3	43.7	82.7
Dec.	0.3	95.0	1.2	15.0	12.0	14.2	47.1	82.9
1950 : Jan.	0.3	94.3	1.2	14.8	12.2	14.4	42.4	83.0
Feb.	0.3	96.4	1.3	15.0	12.5	14.4	42.2	83.4
Mar.	0.3	97.0	1.2	15.2	12.6	14.5	43.4	83.8
1950 : Nov.	0.3	100.4	1.3	15.9	13.0	15.6	48.0	83.9
Dec.	0.3	99.2	1.4	15.7	13.0	15.4	50.2	83.6
1951 : Jan.	0.3	97.7	1.4	15.9	13.2	15.6	45.8	84.0
Feb.	0.3	100.0	1.5	16.1	13.5	15.8	45.6	84.2
Mar.	0.3	99.8	1.5	16.0	13.7	16.2	45.6	84.3
PERSONS								
1939 : July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	80.0
1943 : July	25.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	20.4	33.6	67.2	105.5
1945 : Aug.	25.1	302.9	33.0	101.3	22.0	35.7	68.3	116.8
1946 : June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4
1947 : June	26.8	338.6	56.7	115.6	29.2	49.5	87.1	139.5
1948 : June	28.3	355.4	61.2	121.8	30.4	52.7	92.3	144.3
1949 : June §	24.7	346.1	65.7	125.6	32.1	55.5	92.8	147.0
1950 : June	28.4	374.4	69.2	129.7	33.8	59.5	94.0	150.3
1949 : Nov.	28.6	364.6	66.1	126.2	32.6	58.3	94.3	149.3
Dec.	28.5	363.0	65.8	126.4	32.6	57.8	99.9	150.2
1950 : Jan.	28.6	365.5	66.5	126.3	32.9	58.5	92.8	150.7
Feb.	28.8	370.2	67.2	127.3	33.3	59.6	92.5	151.2
Mar.	28.7	371.6	67.9	128.1	33.7	58.7	93.7	151.9
1950 : Nov.	29.0	379.2	71.9	128.7	34.3	62.3	100.6	151.1
Dec.	28.9	377.6	71.5	130.4	34.4	62.1	104.5	151.0
1951 : Jan.	28.9	378.1	71.9	130.6	34.7	62.7	97.0	151.8
Feb.	29.3	380.4	72.9	131.1	35.2	63.2	96.8	152.0
Mar.	29.2	379.1	73.1	130.0	35.4	63.7	96.6	151.9

\* See notes preceding Table 3.      Miscellaneous groups (70,700 males, 11,300 females, 82,000 persons in March, 1951) are omitted from this table.      † From July, 1949, subject to revision.      ‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants, and other Professional and Personal Services.      § Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

## 5. Employees in N.S.W. Factories: By Classes of Industry\*

(Excludes working proprietors)

Classes	I, II Bricks, Cement, Glass, etc.	III Chem- icals, Oils, Paints, etc.	IV Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc.	VI Textiles and Knitted Goods	VIII Clothing and Foot- wear	IX Food, Drink, Tobacco	X, XI Sawmills, Wood- working, Furniture, etc.	XII Paper, Print- ing, etc.	V, VII, XIII—XVI Other	I—XVI All Factor- ies
Month	Thousands									
MALES										
1939 : June	11.8	5.2	75.9	5.6	6.9	17.5	13.4	11.3	12.1	159.7
1945 : June	9.1	8.3	124.2	6.8	7.3	20.4	14.3	9.9	14.5	214.8
1947 : June	14.2	9.7	131.5	9.8	10.9	23.2	18.5	14.3	20.0	252.1
1948 : June	14.8	10.7	137.4	10.1	11.2	24.4	20.7	14.6	21.3	265.2
1949 : June†	14.7	11.3	130.6	9.3	11.1	24.8	19.9	14.9	20.8	257.4
1950 : June	16.8	11.6	143.5	9.6	11.4	25.6	21.0	15.5	22.2	277.2
1950 : Jan.	16.2	11.5	138.4	9.8	11.7	26.3	20.8	14.8	21.7	271.2
Feb.	16.2	11.6	140.0	9.9	11.7	26.3	21.1	15.2	21.8	273.8
Mar.	16.6	11.7	140.4	9.8	11.5	26.3	21.1	15.2	22.0	274.6
1951 : Jan.	16.9	12.1	145.8	9.8	11.4	26.5	20.6	15.7	21.6	280.4
Feb.	17.0	12.1	145.2	9.8	11.5	26.8	20.8	15.6	21.6	280.4
Mar.	17.1	12.1	145.0	9.8	11.4	26.2	20.7	15.3	21.7	279.3
FEMALES										
1939 : June	0.4	2.7	4.9	9.2	22.8	9.4	1.6	5.3	3.6	59.9
1945 : June	0.8	4.0	21.2	11.5	25.9	11.2	1.6	5.7	5.0	86.9
1947 : June	0.7	4.4	13.6	11.4	31.9	10.6	1.9	6.1	5.9	86.5
1948 : June	0.8	4.4	14.5	11.7	33.6	10.7	2.0	6.1	6.4	90.2
1949 : June†	0.9	4.3	14.6	11.1	32.6	10.7	2.2	6.0	6.3	88.7
1950 : June	1.1	4.7	18.0	12.9	33.3	11.3	2.4	6.6	6.9	97.2
1950 : Jan.	1.0	4.5	16.5	12.5	32.7	11.9	2.3	6.4	6.5	94.3
Feb.	1.0	4.6	16.7	12.7	33.4	12.5	2.3	6.5	6.7	96.4
Mar.	1.1	4.6	17.3	12.7	33.7	11.9	2.4	6.5	6.8	97.0
1951 : Jan.	1.1	4.7	18.3	13.0	33.3	11.6	2.3	6.8	6.6	97.7
Feb.	1.1	4.8	18.7	13.3	33.7	12.4	2.4	6.9	6.7	100.0
Mar.	1.1	4.8	18.8	13.2	33.9	12.0	2.4	6.9	6.7	99.8
PERSONS										
1939 : June	12.2	7.9	80.8	14.8	29.7	26.9	15.0	16.6	15.7	219.6
1945 : June	9.9	12.3	145.4	18.3	33.2	31.6	15.9	15.6	19.5	301.7
1947 : June	14.9	14.1	145.1	21.2	42.8	33.8	20.4	20.4	25.9	338.6
1948 : June	15.6	15.1	151.9	21.8	44.8	35.1	22.7	20.7	27.7	355.4
1949 : June†	15.6	15.6	145.2	20.4	43.7	35.5	22.1	20.9	27.1	346.1
1950 : June	17.9	16.3	161.5	22.5	44.7	36.9	23.4	22.1	29.1	374.4
1950 : Jan.	17.2	16.0	154.9	22.3	44.4	38.2	23.1	21.2	28.2	365.5
Feb.	17.2	16.2	156.7	22.6	45.1	38.8	23.4	21.7	28.5	370.2
Mar.	17.7	16.3	157.7	22.5	45.2	38.2	23.5	21.7	28.8	371.6
1951 : Jan.	18.0	16.8	164.1	22.8	44.7	38.1	22.9	22.5	28.2	378.1
Feb.	18.1	16.9	163.9	23.1	45.2	39.2	23.2	22.5	28.3	380.4
Mar.	18.2	16.9	163.8	23.0	45.3	38.2	23.1	22.2	28.4	379.1

\* See notes preceding Table 3; figures from July, 1949, subject to revision.

† Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

## 6. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.\*

Year.	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit.†			
	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.
1944-45	4,642	4,819	4,589	4,835	6.67	6.89	6.54	6.86
1945-46	4,809	4,910	4,817	5,384	6.73	6.90	6.35	6.76
1946-47	5,495	5,949	5,713	6,246	6.69	7.09	6.72	7.23
1947-48	6,410	7,229	6,753	7,419	7.40	8.15	7.58	8.25
1948-49	7,759	8,436	7,730	8,493	8.58	9.24	8.41	9.24
1949-50	7,952	9,394	8,864	9,713	9.01	10.06	9.40	10.23
1950-51	9,989	11,182			10.46	11.58		

\* Includes Australian Capital Territory.

† Total wages paid divided by total employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

## 7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*

Period	Unemployment Beneficiaries on last Saturday in Period	Benefits Paid during Period			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special †	Total
	Number	Amount—£			
Year : 1945-46	1,298	275,205	198,943	1,068	475,216
1946-47	1,400	172,141	258,782	6,772	437,695
1947-48	339	60,499	302,987	14,434	377,920
1948-49	283	23,279	302,298	53,925	379,502
1949-50	335	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
1950 : May	287	709	22,170	13,337	36,216
June	335	908	32,845	12,557	46,310
July	513	1,021	17,474	5,602	24,097
August	250	3,240	33,534	5,255	42,029
September	227p	2,534	28,287	5,140	35,961
October	252p	1,492	22,995	4,008	28,495
November	150p	2,085	28,472	5,341	35,898
December	500p	1,178	25,239	4,189	30,606
1951 : January	200p	4,092	21,270	2,987	28,349
February	200p	2,431	24,730	2,036	29,197
March	400p	1,476	23,842	2,058	27,376
April	400p	2,259	22,512	2,302	27,073
May	n.y.a.	2,592	23,122	2,425	28,139

\* Including Australian Capital Territory. † Including payments to immigrants during training for employment.

## 8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry and Social Welfare  
Monthly particulars are approximate.

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	Number	Thousands					
Year : 1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1945	1,158	222	102	324	653	1,226	1,879
1946	986	181	82	263	300	616	916
1947	1,328	221	78	299	392	735	1,127
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949	1,303	167	49	216	770	248	1,018
1950	1,694	138	221	359	326	293	619
1950 : April	67	10	1	11	14	2	16
May	165	20	8	28	30	11	41
June	96	16	8	24	35	5	40
July	92	9	7	16	16	15	31
August	123	17	8	25	28	36	64
September	158	20	7	27	31	33	64
October	158	19	58	77	32	79	111
November	126	15	41	56	21	87	108
December	46	7	18	25	8	9	17
1951 : January	41	27	34	61	31	42	73
February	112	66	5	71	72	22	94
March	119	40	11	51	44	22	66
April	94	26	1	27	29	8	37

## 9. Broadcast Listeners' Licenses in Force in N.S.W.

At end of Month	1939	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
February	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648	730,663	754,548
March	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,625	733,391	750,986
April	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	714,659	735,237	752,018
June	433,029	575,864	679,505	699,259	706,452	748,268	
September	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	724,031	743,003	
December	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	727,918	755,464	

## BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note.—1. "Value" represents the estimated cost of the building when completed (exclusive of the land).

2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.
3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.
4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

### 10. Value of Building\* Approved : Geographical Distribution

Period	Division of Cumberland			Balance of State	Total, N.S.W.		
	Metropolis	Balance	Total				
£ thousand							
PRIVATE BUILDING							
Year : 1946	18,070	6,831	24,901	11,123†	36,024†		
1947	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817		
1948	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443		
1949	26,869	12,273	39,142	19,781	58,923		
1950	37,215	17,916	55,131	26,987	82,118		
1950 : Jan.-Apr.	10,276	5,190	15,466	7,527	22,993		
1951 : Jan.-Apr.	15,270	6,686	21,956	12,481	34,437		
1950 : Jan.	2,381	937	3,318	1,512	4,830		
Feb.	2,828	1,541	4,369	1,934	6,303		
Mar.	2,970	1,433	4,403	2,403	6,806		
Apr.	2,097	1,279	3,376	1,678	5,054		
1951 : Jan.	3,252	1,463	4,715	1,978	6,693		
Feb.	3,494	1,416	4,910	2,386	7,296		
Mar.	4,451	1,833	6,284	5,079	11,363		
Apr.	4,073	1,974	6,047	3,038	9,085		
GOVERNMENT BUILDING							
Year : 1946	3,794	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6,445		
1947	4,299	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7,322		
1948	6,244	1,446	7,690	3,653	11,343		
1949	7,550	1,574	9,124	5,120	14,244		
1950	8,061	1,739	9,800	7,575	17,375		
1950 : Jan.-Apr.	1,808	490	2,298	1,536	3,834		
1951 : Jan.-Apr.	3,530	1,430	4,960	1,872	6,832		
1950 : Jan.	416	110	526	404	930		
Feb.	557	60	617	380	997		
Mar.	476	262	738	637	1,375		
Apr.	359	58	417	115	532		
1951 : Jan.	1,278	180	1,458	347	1,805		
Feb.	792	718	1,510	571	2,081		
Mar.	617	347	964	600	1,564		
Apr.	843	185	1,028	354	1,382		
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING							
Year : 1946	21,864	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	42,469†		
1947	24,551	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	49,139		
1948	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786		
1949	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167		
1950	45,276	19,655	64,931	34,562	99,493		
1950 : Jan.-Apr.	12,084	5,680	17,764	9,063	26,827		
1951 : Jan.-Apr.	18,800	8,116	26,916	14,353	41,269		
1950 : Jan.	2,797	1,047	3,844	1,916	5,760		
Feb.	3,385	1,601	4,986	2,314	7,300		
Mar.	3,446	1,695	5,141	3,040	8,181		
Apr.	2,456	1,337	3,793	1,793	5,586		
1951 : Jan.	4,530	1,643	6,173	2,325	8,498		
Feb.	4,286	2,134	6,420	2,957	9,377		
Mar.	5,068	2,180	7,248	5,679	12,927		
Apr.	4,916	2,159	7,075	3,392	10,467		

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

† Partly estimated.

**II. Value of Private and Governmental Building\* Approved : Class of Building**

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
	£ thousand						
<b>DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND (Including Metropolis)</b>							
Year : 1948	30,858	1,989	103	477	4,389	3,214	41,030
1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1950	46,009	3,596	129	1,271	6,901	7,025	64,931
1950 : Jan.-April	14,152	1,035	5	310	1,152	1,110	17,764
1951 : Jan.-April	17,324	1,359	276	507	3,281	4,169	26,916
1950 : February	3,649	340	2	130	435	430	4,986
March	4,202	272	1	81	300	285	5,141
April	3,113	333	2	34	212	99	3,793
1951 : February	4,149	338	15	123	819	976	6,420
March	4,980	627	21	118	936	566	7,248
April	4,575	283	83	153	850	1,131	7,075
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>							
Year : 1948	46,219	2,267	247	922	5,424	5,707	60,786
1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1950	70,063	4,379	359	2,336	8,619	13,737	99,493
1950 : Jan.-April	21,017	1,267	63	499	1,543	2,438	26,827
1951 : Jan.-April	26,091	1,642	419	880	5,878	6,359	41,269
1950 : February	5,491	452	8	170	484	695	7,300
March	6,396	357	40	153	391	844	8,181
April	4,696	353	8	72	243	214	5,586
1951 : February	6,409	403	51	200	860	1,454	9,377
March	7,698	708	61	177	3,026	1,257	12,927
April	6,727	374	117	270	1,274	1,705	10,467

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

**12. New House and Flat Building: Number of Dwelling Units**

Period	Government				Private and Government			
	Approved *	Com-menced	Completed	Remaining Uncom-pleted †	Approved ‡	Com-menced	Completed	Remaining Uncom-pleted †
<b>HOUSES</b>								
Year: 1947	3,166	3,418	2,462	3,990	27,850	18,873	13,191	17,386
1948	2,689	3,974	3,385	4,579	29,185	21,066	17,252	21,200
1949	3,524	3,419	3,509	4,489	31,883	21,352	18,276	24,276
1950	3,909	3,739	3,453	4,775	34,929	23,176	19,319	28,133
1949: Sept. Qr.	714	918	953	4,501	7,584	5,198	4,657	23,654
Dec. Qr.	822	845	857	4,489	8,180	5,875	5,253	24,276
1950: Mar. Qr.	1,048	1,051	777	4,763	8,691	5,933	4,123	26,086
June Qr.	830	951	827	4,887	8,563	5,049	4,733	26,402
Sept. Qr.	1,094	881	915	4,853	9,210	6,136	4,775	27,763
Dec. Qr.	937	856	934	4,775	8,465	6,058	5,688	28,133
<b>FLATS</b>								
Year: 1947	350	160	9	204	1,399	712	365	703
1948	729	427	187	444	1,798	1,331	789	1,245
1949	639	630	285	789	1,678	1,360	1,019	1,586
1950	505	815	335	1,269	1,869	1,559	969	2,176
1949: Sept. Qr.	70	214	110	856	343	373	284	1,638
Dec. Qr.	273	60	127	789	589	285	337	1,586
1950: Mar. Qr.	178	105	69	825	546	293	232	1,647
June Qr.	94	326	64	1,087	533	536	222	1,961
Sept. Qr.	81	117	69	1,135	347	306	220	2,047
Dec. Qr.	152	267	133	1,269	443	424	295	2,176

\* Contracts let and day labour projects authorised. † At end of period. ‡ Local Government permits to build plus contracts let and day labour projects authorised by Governmental Authorities.

## 13. New South Wales Government Railways: Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Gross Revenue*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons	£ thousand	£ thousand	£ thousand
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1946-47	261,644	16,539	30,353	25,886	4,467
1947-48	263,047	17,407	36,906	31,015	5,891
1948-49	263,116	16,903	39,663	35,739	3,924
1949-50	258,183	15,890	40,122‡	39,281	841
July-Apr.:					
1949-50	212,884	12,992	32,391‡	31,136	1,255
1950-51	224,186	14,128	39,727	38,937	790
1950: Feb.	21,053	1,411	3,454	3,211	243
Mar.	21,431	1,543	3,789	3,408	381
Apr.	23,523	1,277	3,342	3,183	159
1951: Feb.	20,857	1,235	3,953	4,036	(—) 83
Mar.	22,551	1,283	4,060	4,077	(—) 17
Apr.	24,125	1,424	4,322	4,243	79

\* Excludes Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines. + Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included.

‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

Railway passenger fares and freight charges were increased from 13th August, 1947; freights were increased again from 16th October, 1950, and fares from 1st November, 1950.

## 14. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses: Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
	£ thousand				
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1946-47	4,360	1,746	6,106	6,228	(—) 122
1947-48	5,310	2,544	7,854	7,895	(—) 41
1948-49	5,098	3,643	8,741	8,580	161
1949-50	4,792	4,307	9,099†	9,538	(—) 439
July-Apr.:					
1949-50	4,047	3,566	7,613†	7,928	(—) 315
1950-51	4,242	4,201	8,443	9,165	(—) 722
1950: Feb.	393	331	724	755	(—) 31
Mar.	428	371	799	826	(—) 27
Apr.	427	386	813	817	(—) 4
1951: Feb.	425	426	851	888	(—) 37
Mar.	465	469	934	1,032	(—) 98
Apr.	440	447	887	994	(—) 107

\* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£563,442 in year 1949-50).

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

Fares on Government trams and buses were increased from 1st July, 1947, 29th November, 1948, and 9th October, 1950.

## 15. Port of Sydney: Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
	Thousands tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)							
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1945-46	2,661	2,034	1,157	414	1,580	152	5,398	2,600
1947-48	2,431	1,719	1,045	512	1,839	141	5,315	2,372
1948-49	2,683	2,162	1,009	535	1,658	115	5,350	2,812
1949-50	3,137	1,934	905	573	1,616	130	5,658	2,637
1950: Mar. Qr.	836	501	233	140	376	26	1,445	667
June Qr.	847	483	246	161	466	41	1,559	685
Sept. Qr.	951	394	214	148	464	32	1,629	574
Dec. Qr.	928	493	219	143	449	31	1,596	667
1951: Mar. Qr.	952	324	192	118	416	37	1,560	479

## 16. Motor Vehicles on the Register\* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omnibus	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1948 : June	210,506	2,594	3,545	127,413	344,058	30,076	18,317	4,959	397,410
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1950 : June	269,250	3,254	3,735	159,226	435,465	42,461	24,840	7,738	510,504
1950 : Feb.	252,558	3,150	3,630	151,729	411,067	40,514	23,943	7,144	482,668
Mar.	256,403	3,176	3,642	153,525	416,746	41,100	24,197	7,297	489,340
Apr.	259,436	3,195	3,657	155,048	421,336	41,594	24,368	7,418	494,716
1951 : Feb.	297,140	3,413	4,077	173,990	478,620	45,180	27,213	8,844	559,857
Mar.	299,620	3,419	4,086	175,908	483,033	45,734	27,400	8,946	565,113
Apr.	302,277	3,430	4,093	177,794	487,594	46,209	27,538	9,102	570,443

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

## 17. New Motor Vehicles Registered\* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omnibus‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1946-47	7,998	7	116	5,487	13,608	2,850	3,204	19,662
1947-48	16,659	133	329	9,079	26,200	4,451	3,521	34,172
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1949-50	41,163	133	212	20,158	61,666	8,659	5,004	75,329
July-Apr.:								
1949-50	30,380	102	169	15,387	46,038	7,175	4,159	57,372
1950-51	39,637	285	69	24,238	64,229	7,391	4,618	76,238
1950 : Feb.	3,223	4	11	1,608	4,846	693	363	5,902
Mar.	4,417	17	17	2,070	6,521	890	415	7,826
Apr.	3,348	12	12	1,648	5,020	690	292	6,002
1951 : Feb.	3,730	40	1	2,225	5,996	666	401	7,063
Mar.	3,158	26	2	2,288	5,474	891	388	6,753
Apr.	3,466	19	4	2,437	5,926	966	382	7,274

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts. ‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only. § Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

## 18. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities and Vans				
	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
	Proportion per cent.				Number	Proportion per cent.				Number
Year: 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	...	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1946-47	...	53.2	46.8	—	7,998	...	19.3	80.7	—	5,487
1947-48	...	53.5	45.7	0.8	16,659	...	18.3	81.7	—	9,079
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	...	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1949-50	11.7	77.2	7.9	3.2	41,163	...	72.0	27.4	0.6	20,158
1949-50: July-Apr.	11.5	77.5	8.3	2.7	30,380	...	70.0	29.4	0.6	15,387
1950-51: July-Apr.	16.5	67.9	9.9	5.7	39,637	...	76.5	21.8	0.6	24,238
1950 : March	13.6	76.7	6.2	3.5	4,417	...	74.6	24.7	0.7	2,070
April	12.9	76.0	6.0	5.1	3,348	...	77.3	22.2	0.5	1,648
1951 : March	19.6	68.3	6.9	5.2	3,158	3.1	75.0	20.9	1.0	2,288
April	17.8	68.0	9.2	5.0	3,466	5.1	72.7	21.1	1.1	2,437

## 19. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks *	Last Day of Period (1951 Dates)	1942	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Thousand tons								
1st†	Jan. 27	731	519	859	539	513	714	442
2nd	Feb. 24	933	860	796	918	954	952	876
3rd	Mar. 24	981	913	833	869	929	932	888
4th	Apl. 21	886	859	804	964	908	925	1,052
5th	May 19	1,003	674	773	878	970	1,013	970p
6th	June 16	965	906	990	883	926	1,038	
7th	July 14	918	798	992	941	225	923	
8th	Aug. 11	953	846	995	984	109	961	
9th	Sept. 8	1,028	911	994	1,061	1,117	1,144	
10th	Oct. 6	984	975	979	1,024	1,100	1,051	
11th	Nov. 3	973	1,017	1,092	696	1,108	1,120	
12th	Dec. 1	965	976	1,130	1,134	1,182	1,093	
13th†	Dec. 29	886	932	446	830	695	932	
Year : Underground		12,150	10,430	10,724	10,466	9,388	11,197	
Open Cut ...		56	756	959	1,255	1,348	1,601	
Total ...	...	12,206	11,186	11,683	11,721	10,736	12,798	

Twenty Weeks ended—

	16th May	11th May	24th May	22nd May	21st May	20th May	19th May
Northern District ...	3,085	2,568	2,711	2,718	2,719	3,007	2,707
Southern District* ...	840	660	666	731	757	769	808
Western District ...	609	597	688	719	798	760	713
Total : Underground	n.a.	3,592	3,757	3,710	3,763	3,971	3,561
Open Cut ...	n.a.	233	308	458	511	565	667
Total ...	4,534	3,825	4,065	4,168	4,274	4,536	4,228p

\* Periods in Southern District ended a week later than in other districts from 1942 to 1947.

	1942.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
In 1st Period ...	... Public holidays	2 weeks	...	1 week	2 weeks	$\{N-1wk.\}$ $\{S\&W-2wks.\}$	2 weeks
In 13th Period	... only.	...	2 weeks	1 week	$\{N-2wks.\}$ $\{S\&W-1wk.\}$	1 week	

## 20. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1939	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January	100	125	165	170	198	218	221	235
February	100	125	181	201	208	227	241	240
March	100	130	185	199	212	231	238	235
April	100	125	189	198	218	222	226	243
May	100	128	192	198	203	229	237	
June	100	131	197	208	214	189	232	
July	100	134	195	212	199	118	214	
August	100	135	195	212	214	173	234	
September	100	134	201	214	223	228	236	
October	100	135	203	211	216	224	238	
November	100	136	200	214	226	239	246	
December	100	131	180	214	222	231	236	
Year	100	131	191	204	213	209	233	

## MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Statistics for 1949-50 are final, but all figures from July, 1950, are subject to revision. Particulars in Tables 21-26 have been revised since last issue on the basis of annual returns for 1949-50.

## 21. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter ★	Cheese ★	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables
Thousand lb.							
Year : 1938-39	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48	76,066	5,909	46,475	31,614	58,978	30,556	25,480
1948-49	74,519	5,577	44,868	29,649	32,104	29,676	24,480
1949-50	82,469	6,333	51,215	28,879	34,549	31,748	32,265
1949-50 : July-Apr.	74,213	5,829	47,255	24,705	28,528	30,300	30,206
1950-51 : July-Apr.	71,504	6,435	40,411	23,298	23,118	30,551	23,340
1950 : February	8,407	638	5,262	2,212	2,574	7,229	3,755
March	9,302	618	4,944	2,090	3,278	15,467	4,925
April	6,270	446	3,053	2,294	2,644	808	1,697
1951 : February	8,280	758	5,106	2,307	3,016	7,140	2,205
March	7,383	612	3,801	2,250	2,912	11,967	4,267
April	5,079	304	2,411	2,177	2,191	2,856	3,053

Period	Flour	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Malt	Biscuits †
	Tons (2,000 lb.)			Cwt.		Bushels	Thous. lb.
Year : 1938-39	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	n.a.	640,915	43,611
1946-47	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1947-48	533,975	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
1948-49	646,199	117,813	151,468	168,448	153,853	633,741	53,299
1949-50	577,482	98,478	133,294	164,729	154,645	603,615	60,789
1949-50 : July-Apr.	467,182	80,508	109,926	116,555	126,130	506,494	48,922
1950-51 : July-Apr.	552,763	93,433	122,381	119,077	153,668	533,340	56,003
1950 : February	36,125	6,030	8,203	9,714	15,527	43,877	5,638
March	40,499	6,958	9,371	18,205	18,233	54,064	7,185
April	38,795	6,660	8,742	18,601	12,096	53,191	4,687
1951 : February	52,747	9,178	12,064	13,327	17,289	46,919	5,457
March	54,952	9,342	12,085	12,313	15,946	62,064	6,156
April	55,357	9,577	12,229	17,648	14,173	61,239	5,762

Period	Margarine		Ice Cream	Confectionery		Beer
	Table	Other		Chocolate	Other	
	Thousand lb.			Thous. gal.	Thousand lb.	
Year : 1938-39	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899
1946-47	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654
1947-48	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,799	34,896	45,626
1948-49	13,559	33,598	6,954	30,612	33,078	54,104
1949-50	8,457	38,242	7,540	29,827	31,307	54,704
1949-50 : July-Apr.	7,987	30,750	6,756	23,681	25,538	44,063
1950-51 : July-Apr.	3,391	28,329	6,677	22,482	26,235	51,678
1950 : February	1,299	3,066	698	2,150	2,767	4,764
March	1,175	3,568	721	2,928	3,248	5,555
April	246	3,032	518	2,942	2,089	4,617
1951 : February	173	2,671	804	2,044	2,646	4,893
March	704	2,610	835	2,088	2,728	5,162
April	754	3,137	558	2,397	2,818	5,196

\* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

## 22. Production of Metals, Coal, and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
	Fine oz.	Thousand tons				Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Year : 1938-39	88,488	11,196*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1946-47	43,607	11,212	1,184†	926†	1,312†	16,744	3,229
1947-48	50,599	11,780	1,366†	1,030†	1,343†	18,093	3,546
1948-49	57,981	11,736	1,130	897	1,129	18,151	3,717
1949-50	47,288	11,290	1,164	1,002	1,266	17,846	3,758
1949-50 : July-April	38,141	9,067	944	814	1,028	14,433	3,006
1950-51 : July-April	n.y.a.	10,372	1,245	967	1,175	15,965	3,511
1950 : February	2,807	982	109	90	115	1,388	310
March	6,915	1,095	90	79	112	1,536	349
April	1,142	910	111	85	105	1,519	322
1951 : February	2,494	870	96	81	97	1,441	318
March	4,240	1,007	115	93	107	1,577	351
April	n.y.a.	1,126	128	107	129	1,652	357

\* Year ended 31st December, 1939.

† Year ended 31st May.

‡ Monthly totals are approximate.

## 23. Production of Miscellaneous Metal Products

Period	Engines (Internal Combustion)		Electric Motors		Motor-Bodies (Excl. Cabins and Conversions)	Pedal Cycles
	Marine	Other	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.		
Number						
Year : 1938-39	977	1,214	26,671*		5,425	36,416
1946-47	2,803	8,943	82,382*		2,719	30,259
1947-48	2,839	11,165	80,465*	25,533*	3,240	28,567
1948-49	2,343	16,666	184,290	32,338	4,341	27,605
1949-50	2,185	17,288	274,228	26,146	6,646	26,539
1949-50 : July-April	1,831	13,727	216,043	20,265	5,304	21,894
1950-51 : July-April	1,759	17,915	286,317	27,822	6,840	22,798
1950 : February	165	1,669	26,860	2,452	564	2,097
March	202	1,946	26,356	2,719	669	2,395
April	155	1,442	22,763	2,222	592	1,784
1951 : February	159	1,710	29,328	2,762	723	1,786
March	152	1,829	30,602	2,974	764	1,768
April	157	1,864	30,098	2,898	796	1,855

\* Electric motors for sale as such; later totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products.

## 24. Production of Clothing

Period	Hosiery		Hats (Felt)	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes, and Sandals*	Slippers
	Women's, Maids' and Girls'	Other			Dress	Work*		
	Dozen pairs				Dozen		Dozen pairs	
Year : 1938-39	520,127	535,092	135,262	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946-47	301,363	284,562	142,781	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947-48	226,683	462,354	140,662	84,945	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
1948-49	188,834	411,453	147,498	116,876	9,727	106,474	6,117	2,804
1949-50	383,837	374,572	118,724	148,312	11,041	106,610	6,624	2,822
1949-50 : July-April	293,510	303,584	94,798	116,811	8,345	84,666	4,855	2,396
1950-51 : July-April	382,014	345,827	98,337	138,341	12,252	107,798	5,074	2,254
1950 : February	31,287	34,888	13,872	13,934	984	9,091	499	229
March	40,308	39,981	14,946	14,881	990	11,062	569	253
April	31,027	28,676	10,307	12,072	833	7,456	452	230
1951 : February	39,882	35,445	11,913	13,821	1,267	11,134	502	213
March	35,796	34,594	9,519	11,964	1,151	11,055	517	199
April	37,773	35,816	9,767	14,236	1,090	10,437	495	243

\* Excluding articles of rubber.

## 25. Production of Building Materials and Fittings

Period	Sawn Timber (Native)	Bricks (Clay)	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement
			Terra Cotta	Cement			
	Mill. sup. ft.		Thousands			Thousand sq. yd.	Tons
Year : 1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	n.a.	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,985	441,023
1948-49	353.7	314,323	22,783	5,652	8,695	4,415	465,354
1949-50	341.1	300,356	22,124	8,362	8,634	4,171	554,966
*1949-50 : July-Febr.	238.9	186,130	14,453	4,997	5,379	2,566	332,251
*1950-51 : July-Febr.	221.4	225,116	14,394	7,014	6,448	3,230	402,151
1950 : February	24.8	27,366	2,141	857	888	385	45,505
March	24.3	32,621	2,228	840	812	411	54,594
April	25.7	24,708	1,698	835	816	360	47,698
1951 : February	27.0	28,061	1,974	867	829	413	53,080
March	20.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	861	n.y.a.	48,404
April	30.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	842	n.y.a.	52,660

Period	Oil Paint (Ready- Mixed)	Lacquers, Enamels, etc.	Stoves, Domestic Cooking				Gas Meters	
			Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric			
					Stoves	Stovettes Excl. Cookers		
Thousand gal.					Number			
Year : 1938-39	n.a.	863	17,154	17,736	4,930		24,619	
1946-47	1,568	1,138	12,033	12,883	31,221		32,675	
1947-48	1,762	1,404	11,748	14,627	8,942	n.a.	43,552	
1948-49	1,823	1,569	12,810	19,906	18,908	n.a.	44,249	
1949-50	1,914	1,826	10,307	20,723	14,178	23,128	40,847	
1949-50 : July-April	1,603	1,452	8,219	16,663	11,070	18,847	32,841	
1950-51 : July-April	2,100	1,581	11,250	21,305	14,107	29,498	32,066	
1950 : February	181	166	860	1,951	1,204	2,551	4,086	
March	206	191	1,335	1,999	1,649	2,973	4,627	
April	148	152	727	1,641	975	2,117	3,283	
1951 : February	216	157	1,088	2,452	1,249	3,140	2,942	
March	237	164	1,083	2,314	1,582	3,728	2,752	
April	255	160	1,088	2,431	1,291	3,692	2,775	

Period	Baths (All types)	Sinks	Bath Heaters			Coppers (complete)		
			Solid Fuel and Kerosene	Gas	Electric	Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric
		Number						
Year : 1938-39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1946-47	n.a.	6,969	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1947-48	35,219	13,079	35,696	28,337	7,375	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1948-49	45,646	12,867	35,201	22,414	6,301	58,969	24,256	14,121
1949-50	40,635	18,431	44,127	13,845	7,800	74,271	20,765	16,470
1949-50 : July-April	32,466	13,684	33,528	11,233	5,883	56,043	16,463	13,890
1950-51 : July-April	35,968	19,612	29,878	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	81,533	19,715	15,351
1950 : February	3,189	1,428	3,700	1,277	626	7,199	2,000	1,782
March	4,125	2,001	4,049	1,579	573	7,577	1,650	2,186
April	3,230	1,636	1,986	1,186	666	5,959	1,669	1,086
1951 : February	3,184	2,047	2,222	1,400	762	7,556	2,089	1,619
March	3,061	1,696	1,190	1,608	719	8,038	2,095	1,891
April	3,388	1,805	5,114	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,909	2,142	1,639

\*Note that totals relate to the eight months, July to February.

## 26. Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Refrigerators, Household		Wireless Cabinets	Perambulators
	Electric	Gas and Kerosene		
Number				
Year : 1938-39				
1946-47	21,567	13,102	133,760	42,282
1947-48	31,985	19,408	196,978	48,859
1948-49	50,995	34,786	213,226	56,201
1949-50	58,283	33,237	180,023	45,754
		32,370	222,818	48,410
1949-50 : July-Apr.	45,993	27,192	173,948	40,086
1950-51 : July-Apr.	69,797	24,356	219,625	44,548
1950 : February	5,688	2,518	19,280	4,698
March	5,088	3,899	27,959	5,659
April	4,321	2,141	17,993	3,646
1951 : February	6,325	1,656	18,030	5,508
March	7,435	1,976	16,383	4,041
April	7,502	1,252	18,969	5,619

Period	Mattresses			Sulphate of Ammonia	Sulphuric Acid
	Wire	Inner Spring	Other		
Number					
Year : 1938-39					
1946-47	79,140	17,407	n.a.	20,960	85,501
1947-48	59,782	36,296	129,937	22,377	113,572
1948-49	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,611	111,101
1949-50	55,590	85,574	166,699	28,780	94,542
	69,650	107,057	190,543	32,353	93,763
1949-50 : July-Apr.	56,368	87,844	156,437	24,659	73,804
1950-51 : July-Apr.	53,335	124,115	144,555	29,561	88,769
1950 : February	5,825	9,690	16,941	2,636	7,335
March	7,724	11,321	18,741	2,977	9,327
April	4,702	9,703	15,039	2,747	9,170
1951 : February	4,542	13,403	14,363	2,684	7,974
March	6,582	16,337	16,365	2,167	9,177
April	7,173	16,887	13,294	3,132	8,665

Period	Soap				Cleansing and Scouring Powders
	Toilet (incl. Shampoos and Shaving Soap)	Household (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Industrial (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Other (Liquid, Soft and Sand)	
Cwt.					
Year : 1938-39	107,390	.....	384,103.....	56,301	28,502
1946-47	188,232	.....	369,906.....	67,684	65,783
1947-48	228,973	.....	511,658.....	99,387	61,050
1948-49	219,348	.....	619,492.....	106,813	58,348
1949-50	227,888	620,561	42,302	102,380	47,468
1949-50 : July-Apr.	179,094	.....	614,538.....	.....	n.a.
1950-51 : July-Apr.	192,061	501,755	47,341	88,683	41,554
1950 : February	21,106	.....	67,880.....	.....	n.a.
March	20,685	.....	62,440.....	.....	n.a.
April	17,398	.....	57,751.....	.....	n.a.
1951 : February	19,781	53,286	4,452	9,246	3,995
March	22,539	55,443	4,381	5,751	5,748
April	24,917	58,572	5,633	6,488	3,939

## 27. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales

(Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1950 : January	101	193	115	85	130	59	174	110	120	70	126	167	97
February	220	346	337	361	309	218	343	361	339	220	210	284	226
March	70	286	437	371	283	50	286	445	354	85	56	340	110
April	236	252	141	168	202	302	238	121	174	138	145	285	159
May	101	113	118	117	112	117	122	107	112	36	101	209	75
June	276	217	89	161	186	235	224	90	143	477	561	306	476
July	365	248	143	307	253	325	230	143	188	476	304	210	398
August	71	121	84	42	86	72	132	79	92	207	205	104	193
September	130	141	94	72	115	109	135	95	107	79	108	106	90
October	322	417	269	392	339	313	353	261	291	192	186	252	198
November	305	373	168	275	276	333	330	157	224	191	285	136	208
December	16	17	67	63	38	11	20	69	49	88	73	37	78
1951 : January	177	145	62	80	120	143	145	56	90	240	375	183	268
February	77	102	134	63	101	82	88	131	114	76	72	190	90
March	86	72	11	20	50	65	74	9	33	125	136	113	126
April	39	51	94	29	59	46	53	91	75	32	31	16	30
May	73	107	129	84	102	68	95	141	120	64	46	87	62

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

## WOOL

## 28. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales

Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1941-42	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
Sheep ... ... mill.	48.9	56.7	44.1	43.1	46.1	50.4	53.3
Sheep shorn ... ... mill.	51.5	58.5	45.4	43.1	43.7	48.1	53.6
Wool produced* ... mill. lb.	437.1	547.0	431.5	432.6	422.3	463.2	515.0

\* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

## 29. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales

(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season : 1946-47	922.8	158.2	42.7	1,123.7	34.5	4.6	0.3	39.4
1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,224.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1949-50	1,066.6	218.9	57.0	1,342.5	11.6	1.3	0.1	13.0
1949-50 : July-May	1,014.2	217.4	56.9	1,288.5	54.3	7.6	...	61.9
1950-51 : July-May	1,020.7	173.7	51.9	1,246.3	39.3	9.9	1.0	50.2
1950 : March	37.4	10.0	0.5	47.9	32.0	4.9	4.7	41.6
April	33.0	6.1	0.5	39.6	58.5	10.6	5.2	74.3
May	82.0	10.2	1.0	93.2	54.3	7.6	...	61.9
1951 : March	45.7	6.2	0.5	52.4	116.4	15.1	5.1	136.6
April	46.1	9.2	0.5	55.8	69.4	24.3	0.5	94.2
May	51.3	5.5	0.5	57.3	39.3	9.9	1.0	50.2

### 30. Wool : Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised			
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Total
	Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Thousand bales *					£ thousand				
Season : 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.	...	15,521
1946-47	889.8	154.1	42.4	1,014.0	72.3	26,906	4,551	1,453	32,910
1947-48	882.2	148.6	47.0	994.8	83.0	42,881	7,556	2,535	52,972
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
1949-50	1,118.4	202.7	57.1	1,293.8	84.4	86,510	16,217	4,987	107,714
1949-50: July-May	1,023.6	195.7	57.1	1,199.7	76.7	78,045	15,622	4,987	98,654
1950-51: July-May	992.5	165.1	50.9	1,141.4	67.1	180,567	31,430	10,113	222,110
1950 : March	94.5	49.6	19.3	157.8	5.6	7,831	4,635	1,859	14,325
April	6.5	...	...	5.6	0.9	532	...	532	
May	85.4	12.0	6.0	94.0	9.4	7,632	959	570	9,161
1951 : March	57.0	15.8	8.3	75.9	5.2	14,381	4,068	2,075	20,524
April	93.0	...	5.0	95.0	3.0	15,810	...	942	16,752
May	81.5	19.9	...	97.7	3.7	11,722	3,010	...	14,732

\* Scoured bales not converted to greasy basis.

### 31. Prices of Greasy Wool, Sydney and New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction		Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month		
	Sydney	New South Wales *		1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
	Pence per lb.			Pence per lb.		
1938-39	10.3	‡	November	48.5	55.5	128.0
1939-40†	13.4	‡	December	53.0	60.5	129.0
1945-46†	15.1	‡	January	53.0	74.5	166.0
1946-47	23.3	23.6	February	54.5	71.0	177.5
1947-48	37.2	37.9	March	54.5 §	69.5	190.5
1948-49	46.1	46.8	April	44.0	73.5 §	145.0p
1949-50	60.7	61.8	May	44.5	81.0	129.0p

\* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre).

† Based on United Kingdom purchase

prices; does not allow for payments accruing for profits on re-sale of contract wool. ‡ Prior to 1939-45 War, nearly all New South Wales wool was sold in Sydney. § Nominal.

### 32. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1935-36 to 1944-45*	15,875†	4,194,269	3,832,414	48,480,000	12.7
1945-46	n.a.	4,213,431	3,773,901	62,520,000	16.6
1946-47	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1948-49	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1949-50	15,594	4,173,857	4,011,744	81,939,000	20.4
1950-51p	n.y.a.	3,502,000	3,361,000	44,000,000	13.1

\* Annual average.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

## 33. Wheat: Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales, and Prices in Canada

Period*	Australian Wheat Board		Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers§	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; in store, Fort William—Port Arthur and Vancouver
	Export Price†¶	Home Consumption Price‡		
	s. d. per bushel			
Season : 1938-39	2 6.1	2 5.9	2 2.8	62.0
1946-47	14 1	3 11.3	10 3.8	244.0
1947-48	19 4.7	6 0.3	13 7.2	287.9
1948-49	15 8.2	6 8	9 2.0p	226.3
1949-50	18 5.8	6 8	10 8.1p	218.6
1950: September	18 6	6 8		199.0
October	18 6	6 8		195.7
November	18 6	6 8		194.2
December	18 6	7 5.5		196.4
1951: January	18 6	7 10		201.5
February	18 9.6	7 10		213.1
March	19 0	7 10		219.6
April	19 0	7 10		227.1
May	19 0	7 10		229.7

\* Yearly averages are for years ended July for Australian export and Canadian wheats, and for years ended November for Australian home consumption wheat. † Basic export selling price for non-contract wheat and wheat in excess of International Wheat Agreement quota; much wheat is sold under contract at fixed prices for delivery over lengthy periods. Current maximum and minimum prices under International Agreement are 16s. 1d. and 13s. 5d. per bushel. ‡ To millers, bulk basis, f.o.r. ports. § Allowing for cost of bags and including Governmental assistance to wheat growers. ¶ For Australian wheat the bases are—Export: 1938-39, weighted average shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide; 1946-47 to 1948-49, average for bulk and bagged wheat f.o.r. ports; 1949-50 and later, f.a.q. bulk wheat f.o.b.; Home Consumption: wholesale price in Sydney for f.a.q. wheat.

## 34. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period.	Season	July-Mar.		December	January	February	March
	Thousand gallons.						
1934-35 to 1938-39*	331,963	n.a.		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1939-40 to 1943-44*	300,682	n.a.		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1946-47	254,094	194,357		25,007	24,516	26,173	28,421
1947-48	295,371	235,765		35,151	37,534	31,080	28,957
1948-49	291,915	229,694		29,714	30,507	29,437	31,143
1949-50	311,580	246,853		35,001	31,389	29,468	31,397
1950-51†	n.y.a.	246,697		35,670	35,992	30,002	27,039

\* Annual average.

## 35. Butter: Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer †	Month	Export*	Sydney Wholesale
	s. d. per lb.				s. d. per lb.	
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1950: April	2 9.6	1 11.1
1945-46	1 7.8	1 5.9	1 8.3	May	2 9.6	1 11.1
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	June	2 9.6	1 11.1
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	1951: April	3 0.4	1 11.1
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9	May	3 0.4	1 11.1
1949-50	2 9.6	1 11.1	2 4.5	June	3 0.4	1 11.1
1950-51	3 0.4	1 11.1	2 7.5p			

\* United Kingdom contract price, f.o.b., Australia, except 1938-39, which is Sydney parity of average top price, London, weighted by monthly New South Wales exports. † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years.

## 36. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia			Gold Production	
	Merchandise			Exports				
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports		
£A million f.o.b.								
Year: 1938-39	49.9	37.7	(-) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3	14.6	
1946-47	93.0	116.5	23.5	208.3	308.9	100.6	9.9	
1947-48	150.4	134.7	(-) 15.7	338.1	405.0	66.9	9.7	
1948-49	177.2	176.6	(-) 0.6	414.1	541.1	127.0	10.0	
1949-50	214.0	216.6	2.6	536.1	611.6	75.5	12.6	
1949-50: July-Apr.	168.4	175.1	6.7	426.3	486.7	60.4	10.0	
1950-51: July-Apr.	237.2	273.9	36.7	590.0	803.3	213.3	n.y.a.*	
1950: February	15.7	21.5	5.8	44.0	61.0	17.0	1.0	
March	23.1	27.2	4.1	53.7	66.6	12.9	1.0	
April	15.7	16.2	0.5	43.9	49.9	6.0	1.0	
1951: February	26.7	27.8	1.1	67.4	85.2	17.8	1.1	
March	23.4	33.2	9.8	58.4	95.2	36.8	1.1	
April	27.1	44.8	17.7	68.1	135.3	67.2	n.y.a.	

\* July-Mar., 1950-51, £9.9m.

(-) Denotes excess of imports.

## 37. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

Sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1939-40	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
	£ million						
September	19.4	23.7	29.0	32.0	39.1	41.0	57.6
October	19.2	22.4	26.6	30.9	37.5	44.8	59.2
November	17.5	39.1	24.7	32.7	39.4	40.1	46.1
December	18.3		27.8	34.2	35.1	51.4	62.6
January	16.3	17.6	21.7	25.2	32.2	39.4	53.7
February	14.6	21.7	26.3	30.3	39.6	49.2	51.4
July-February	137.6	166.8	210.4	245.2	297.9	337.7	
Year ended June	204.3	264.8	320.3	382.5	452.8	537.8	434.6

## 38. Retail Trade: Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number		Percentage increase (+) or decrease (-) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.					
Year: 1946	301	302	+ 32.2	+ 3.8	+ 28.0	+ 20.0		
1947	302	302	+ 18.7	+ 32.5	+ 21.5	+ 8.6		
1948	302	303	+ 16.3	+ 20.6	+ 20.6	+ 6.0		
1949	303	302	+ 6.8	+ 6.7	+ 13.8	+ 0.4		
1950	302	303	+ 16.8	+ 5.6	+ 11.7	+ 0.7		
1949: Nov.	26	26	+ 13.2	+ 6.3	+ 10.9	- 2.0	+ 9.1	+ 9.8
Dec.	24	25	+ 8.2	+ 3.8	+ 11.3	+ 0.4	+ 10.3	+ 10.5
1950: Jan.	23	24	+ 7.6	+ 4.1	+ 5.7	- 3.0	+ 9.7	+ 9.4
Feb.	24	24	+ 12.6	+ 0.8	+ 5.6	- 2.3	+ 9.2	+ 7.7
Mar.	27	27	+ 8.0	+ 6.2	+ 6.2	- 3.2	+ 9.1	+ 5.8
Apr.	22	22	- 0.3	+ 8.3	+ 3.5	- 3.1	+ 6.2	+ 5.1
1950: Nov.	26	26	+ 14.1	+ 9.0	+ 13.2	+ 3.9	+ 20	+ 15.5
Dec.	25	24	+ 14.0	+ 10.1	+ 20.5	+ 3.5	+ 16.2	+ 17.1
1951: Jan.	24	25	+ 41.4	+ 7.8	+ 36.0	+ 5.1	+ 20.9	+ 23.0
Feb.	24	24	+ 28.5	+ 11.7	+ 31.8	+ 4.2	+ 25.5	+ 28.8
Mar.	27	24	+ 25.3	+ 11.3	+ 31.4	+ 3.1	+ 30.9	+ 33.0
Apr.	22	24	+ 47.7	+ 15.8	+ 29.6	+ 4.4	+ 33.6	+ 30.9

\* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 4.

## BANKING

Of the 18 trading banks which conduct business in Australia, 14 operate in New South Wales, comprising 9 private trading banks, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W. and 3 oversea banks.

### 39. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits*	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted
£ million							
NINE TRADING BANKS							
1939 : June	318.0	n.a.	28.6	23.9	22.1	...	291.7
1945 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1948 : June	716.8	27.5†	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
1949 : June*	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1950 : June	1,004.9	45.8	51.1	20.2	96.5	442.8	427.2
1950: March	1,006.6	33.6	54.5	35.0	92.5	433.9	404.7
April	1,018.0	40.5	53.7	28.8	94.5	457.0	414.9
1951: March	1,285.1	44.1	70.7	57.8	92.6	532.5	507.2
April	1,297.0	47.7	69.3	57.0	88.1	557.5	502.3
COMMONWEALTH BANK (OTHER THAN CENTRAL BANKING)							
1947 : June	59.4	0.3	6.4	2.1	35.7	...	28.9
1948 : June	61.8	0.3	7.0	0.8	33.6	...	37.9
1949 : June	69.9	11.0	5.9	...	34.4	...	57.7
1950 : June	87.8	15.9	4.9	6.5	29.8	...	95.7
1950: March	88.1	15.3	6.2	3.5	41.1	...	105.9
April	88.6	15.2	5.7	6.5	35.8	...	111.8
1951: March	129.8	21.0	14.4	38.5	25.1	...	114.0
April	131.2	17.2	7.6	51.5	19.4	...	116.9
ALL (18) TRADING BANKS							
1947 : June	723.5	3.0	43.1	17.2	127.9	277.2	352.1
1948 : June	800.0	28.6	56.5	21.0	106.4	294.0	424.6
1949 : June*	914.8	61.0	49.1	12.2	111.5	382.8	482.9
1950 : June	1,131.9	62.0	59.4	27.9	139.0	447.8	574.2
1950: March	1,135.8	49.1	66.7	41.0	147.8	437.0	557.8
April	1,148.3	55.9	64.1	38.5	144.9	461.3	575.0
1951: March	1,467.1	65.3	92.0	102.0	131.2	535.4	679.1
April	1,481.6	65.0	83.6	115.2	121.5	560.4	677.1

\* Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were £9,000,000 in January and £2,600,000 in July, 1949).      † In nine trading banks, the increase after June, 1947, consists mainly of short-term loans from Central Bank.

### 40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Nine Trading Banks			Commonwealth Bank*		All (14) Banks	
	Deposits†			Deposits	Advances	Deposits†	Advances†
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total				
£ million							
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1948 : June	197.5	67.9	265.4	142.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1949 : June†	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.5	27.0	358.5
1950 : June	311.8	82.2	394.0	166.2	49.2	37.5	470.7
1950: March	309.2	80.5	389.7	151.6	50.6	34.7	467.9
April	311.4	81.6	393.0	156.6	50.6	35.8	472.4
1951: March	408.4	81.3	489.7	200.0	65.4	44.4	589.4
April	412.1	82.3	494.4	191.4	62.8	44.7	592.2

\* Other than Central Banking.      † Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were £5.8 m. in January, and £0.7 m. in July, 1949).

#### 41. Savings Banks in New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales					Australia	
	Active Accounts*	Deposits	Interest Credited	With-drawals	Depositors' Balances*	Active Accounts*	Depositors' Balances*
	Thousand	£ thousand				Thousand	£ thousand
Year : 1938-39	1,330	66,577	1,610	67,155	87,474	3,858	245,587
1945-46	1,911	191,112	3,801	156,874	236,242	5,467	663,554
1946-47	1,967	158,994	4,054	167,922	231,368	5,593	660,015
1947-48	2,013	160,875	3,991	159,270	236,964	5,728	681,318
1948-49	2,072	171,622	4,062	168,165	244,483	5,890	714,219
1949-50	2,138	201,479	4,208	191,296	258,874	6,105	762,087
1950 : January	2,120	16,217		14,643	250,594	6,016	735,773
February	2,131	16,269		15,108	251,755	6,045	739,234
March	2,112	19,749		18,871	252,633	6,030	741,830
April <sup>1</sup>	2,120	16,183		15,292	253,523	6,053	744,714
1951 : January	2,113	18,408		16,862	261,688	6,092	773,668
February	2,131	20,224		17,489	264,423	6,134	780,177
March	2,166	38,456		24,199	278,681	6,217	817,849
April	2,176	21,472		20,775	279,378	6,244	820,648

\* At end of period.

**Savings Certificates.**—The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949. The net amounts outstanding in New South Wales and Australia at various dates were :—

At 30th June	N.S.W.	Australia	End of Month	N.S.W.	Australia
	£ thousand	£ thousand		£ thousand	£ thousand
1940	2,440	6,100	1950-Feb.	23,201	57,263
1947	21,983	59,526	Mar.	22,974	56,731
1948	25,719	64,483			
1949	25,081	62,198	1951-Feb.	20,120	50,280
1950	22,341	55,025	Mar.	19,857	49,736

#### 42. Inter-Bank Clearings, Sydney

Value of cheques drawn on a bank other than the bank in which they were deposited

Period	Amount of Clearings—£ million					Index Number of Clearings				
	1938-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1938-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51
July	70.5	183.4	230.3	244.7	302.7	101	229	291	326	402
August	72.9	162.4	199.3	208.5	283.7	101	227	287	314	398
September	77.6	176.9	229.7	271.1	354.6	99	232	293	303	393
October	79.5	197.3	238.2	259.2	368.5	101	234	291	302	413
November	82.7	203.8	237.3	291.6	378.3	102	243	298	328	442
December	88.1	192.2	246.5	304.9	412.3	102	243	296	350	474
January	66.5	171.3	191.4	247.6	361.6	98	236	282	352	481
February	75.5	182.0	213.2	282.1	391.1	96	231	274	351	493
March	80.5	196.4	238.0	358.0	460.2	93	230	267	367	508
April	70.7	205.9	244.7	272.9	407.9	98	253	300	391	546
May	82.0	233.1	261.2	324.2	438.5	100	269	315	402	555
June	80.3	230.1	269.8	332.3		101	289	336	402	
Year	926.8	2,334.8	2,799.6	3,397.1		99	248	298	356	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

## 43. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	Private First Mortgages Registered*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡			Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Discount)
					Fixed Deposits		Over-draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000	
	Urban	Rural	Short-dated : 2 years	Long-dated : 12 years	3 months	24 months				
Per cent. per annum										
Year : 1938-39	5.5	5.1	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	5.75§	2.00	1.75¶	1.75
1945-46	4.7	4.4	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00
1947-48	4.4	4.3	2.34	3.17	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
1948-49	4.4	4.3	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1949-50	4.4	4.3	1.95	3.13	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1950 : May	4.4	4.3	1.97	3.13	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
June	4.4	4.3	1.94	3.15	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
July	4.4	4.3	1.96	3.14	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
August	4.4	4.3	2.00	3.15	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
September	4.4	4.3	1.97	3.14	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
October	4.4	4.3	1.96	3.13	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
November	4.4	4.3	1.96	3.14	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
December	4.4	4.3	1.99	3.17	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1951 : January	4.4	4.3	1.98	3.14	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
February	4.4	4.3	2.00	3.21	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
March	4.4	4.4	2.02	3.27	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
April	4.4	4.4	2.00	3.29	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75

\* Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown.      † Average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. Estimated by Commonwealth Bank from securities maturing under 5 years (short) and 10 or more years (long). 1938-39 subject to Commonwealth Income Tax rates not exceeding those in 1930, later years to current tax rates.      ‡ Rate current at end of period.      § Applies to certain banks; later rates are maximum permitted by regulation.      ¶ 1/4 to limit of £1,300 until March, 1942.      || From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1.50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

## 44. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	8 Public Utility Companies	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies	5 Insurance Companies	Total, 75* Companies	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	156.0	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1948 : Sept.	359.6	316.0	173.1	184.5	414.6	264.2	276.1
1949 : Mar.	345.1	288.3	165.2	180.6	464.1	254.6	262.2
June	326.9	274.4	153.1	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
Sept.	340.1	289.1	157.8	183.7	473.6	252.1	259.0
Dec.	365.6	295.3	158.1	193.1	497.3	265.9	273.7
1950 : Mar.	389.4	315.2	159.0	202.6	545.4	285.4	285.6
June	399.3	318.7	155.3	227.4	576.7	293.6	297.5
Sept.	419.1	330.4	157.2	254.3	601.6	306.4	310.4
Dec.	468.3	356.8	164.6	279.3	683.6	334.9	334.3
1951 : Jan.	485.6	374.8	166.3	308.2	680.6	346.9	349.0
Feb.	486.1	380.6	167.7	309.9	696.5	349.3	346.4
Mar.	492.4	385.2	168.7	305.2	698.6	350.3	343.3
Apr.	509.0	393.1	172.0	309.6	707.6	356.1	352.0
May	527.5	397.7	177.2	307.8	734.2	365.7	360.4

\* Including 24 miscellaneous companies.

**45. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales**

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Liens†	Livestock Mortgages
	Number	£ thousand				
Year : 1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1947-48	79,694	60,202	30,924	460	2,100	2,011
1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1949-50	105,589	125,952	57,382	460	3,115	2,845
1949-50 : July-May	94,649	110,822	52,703	424	2,873	2,537
1950-51 : July-May	99,494	173,366	64,596	287	4,263	3,123
1950 : March	9,091	12,896	4,644	28	245	159
April	7,888	11,211	3,558	39	222	175
May	11,958	17,212	9,802	23	449	341
1951 : March	8,586	14,979	5,605	16	381	259
April	9,484	14,735	5,901	25	518	380
May	10,133	21,697	5,619	15	586	465

\* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated ; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

**46. Life Assurance, New South Wales.**

(a) New Policies issued (exclusive of annuities)\*.

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	
Year† : 1939	50,520	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1945	53,927	23,999	109,862	7,513	31,512
1947	98,149	43,268	115,181	10,241	53,509
1948	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1949‡	92,446	49,662	114,916	11,430	61,092
1950‡	95,446	59,496	106,559	11,139	70,635
1949 : December	9,761	6,226	6,166	629	6,855
1950 : January	4,432	2,456	4,287	445	2,901
February	5,638	3,015	8,948	918	3,933
March	8,262	4,692	10,731	1,131	5,823
1950 : December	9,646	7,636	5,504	580	8,216
1951 : January	5,291	3,268	3,423	379	3,647
February	5,833	4,073	7,893	876	4,949
March	7,597	5,364	8,164	914	6,278

\* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified).

‡ Total of monthly figures, January to December.

(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales\* (exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
				£ thousand
Year : 1947	2,799	789	1,452	5,040
1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1950	16,184	1,117	3,873	21,174
1949 : December	1,106	69	416	1,591
1950 : January	564	59	271	894
February	798	79	269	1,146
March	1,104	93	303	1,500
1950 : December	2,716	86	480	3,282
1951 : January	1,441	75	212	1,728
February	1,528	101	396	2,025
March	2,027	89	421	2,537

\* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

## 47. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure

Item	REVENUE		EXPENDITURE	
	July-May		Item	July-May
	1949-50	1950-51		
	£ thousand			£ thousand
<b>Taxes—</b>				
Customs ... ... ... ...	71,415	83,216	<b>Social Services*</b>	
Excise ... ... ... ...	60,714	67,167	Invalid, Age Pensions ... ...	40,316
Sales ... ... ... ...	38,353	51,350	Child Endowment ... ...	26,513
Income Tax ... ... ... ...	124,088	190,297	Hospital Benefits ... ...	6,019
Social Services Contribution ... ... ... ...	96,353	71,334	Other ... ... ... ...	10,419
Wool Deduction ... ... ... ...	...	98,063	<b>Total, Social Services*</b>	83,267
Payroll ... ... ... ...	20,524	25,759	<b>To States—</b>	112,015
Estate ... ... ... ...	5,425	5,721	Tax Reimbursements ... ...	53,944
Entertainments ... ... ... ...	4,298	4,660	Other ... ... ... ...	36,093
Other ... ... ... ...	3,653	3,574	<b>Capital Works</b> ... ...	62,052
<b>Total Taxes</b> ... ... ... ...	<b>424,823</b>	<b>601,141</b>	Post Office ... ...	39,132
Post Office ... ... ... ...	34,799	40,493	Broadcasting‡ ... ...	2,418
Broadcasting ... ... ... ...	1,720	1,759	Railways‡ ... ...	2,020
Railways ... ... ... ...	1,579	1,672	Territories‡ ... ...	5,958
Territories ... ... ... ...	726	998	Defence Services ...	36,308
Other ... ... ... ...	15,596	10,365	War Services, 1914-18 & 1939-45‡ ...	93,081
	<b>479,243</b>	<b>656,428</b>	Subsidies ...	<b>77,063</b>
<b>Primary Production†</b> ... ... ... ...	<b>13,928</b>	<b>54,615</b>	Debt Charges ...	64,399
			Other ...	40,272
<b>Total Revenue</b> ... ... ... ...	<b>493,171</b>	<b>711,043</b>	<b>Primary Production†</b> ... ...	<b>13,928</b>
			<b>Total Expenditure</b> ... ...	<b>516,854</b>
				<b>719,753</b>

\* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

† Self-balancing items.

‡ Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than War and Reparation which is included above) in the eleven months ended May, consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £18,490,000 in 1950-51, and £14,215,000 in 1949-50.

## 48. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

Item	REVENUE		EXPENDITURE	
	July-May		Item	July-May
	1949-50	1950-51		
	£ thousand			£ thousand
<b>From Commonwealth—</b>				
Towards Interest ... ... ... ...	2,674	2,674	<b>Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management</b> ...	16,166
Reimbursement of Taxes... ...	22,089	26,492	Less—Recoups from other Activities ... ... ... ...	1,655
Stamp and Probate Duty ... ...	8,338	10,491	Net Debt Charges ...	14,511
Other Taxes ... ... ... ...	1,697	1,869	<b>Other than Debt Charges—</b>	
Land ... ... ... ...	2,738	2,784	Governmental ... ... ...	37,355
Services ... ... ... ...	2,450	2,803	Business Undertakings ...	44,051
Other ... ... ... ...	6,703	7,250	<b>Total Expenditure</b> ... ...	<b>95,917</b>
<b>Total Governmental Business Undertakings</b> ... ...	<b>46,689</b>	<b>54,363</b>		<b>114,794</b>
	<b>49,031*</b>	<b>55,027</b>		
<b>Total Revenue</b> ... ... ... ...	<b>95,720</b>	<b>109,390</b>		

Loan Expenditure on works and services during the eleven months ended May, was gross £30,451,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £28,030,000 in 1950-51, compared with gross £21,770,000 and net £20,014,000 in 1949-50.

\* Includes Commonwealth grant of £3,200,000 towards losses caused by general coal strike.

## 49. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities constituting at present about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	...	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	100.00	...
Year : 1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	82	83
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	148	146
1947-48	287	420	193	372	146	296	283
1948-49	365	413	233	478	171	348	332
1949-50	473	400	250	421	196	399	383
1950 : February	536	409	250	435	200	434	416
March	524	420	250	411	200	429	411
April	554¶	443	250	417	200	448	429
1951 : February	1,339p	423	271	714	200¶	858p	811p
March	1,437p	428	271	739	200¶	911p	860p
April	1,094p	432p	271	774	200¶	745p	705p

\* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead.      † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.      ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides.      § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) including Gold and (b) Excluding Gold.      ¶ Nominal.

## 50. Wholesale Price Index : Basic Materials and Foodstuffs

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal, and one or two minor commodities, the index may be deemed to represent movements of wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1000

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco	Goods Principally Imported*	Goods Principally Home-produced	Total, All Groups
Year : 1938-39	1025	815	970	992	1029	991	1020	1011
1945-46	1302	1518	1766	1490	1348	1782	1257	1412
1947-48	1460	2833	1898	1655	1532	1924	1448	1588
1948-49	1849	3419	1983	1884	1747	2008	1727	1809
1949-50	2144	4335	2247	2145	1979	2231	1982	2054
1950 : Jan	2185	4935	2409	2249	1929	2322	1972	2074
Fe..	2185	4900	2409	2250	1991	2369	2001	2109
Mbr.	2185	4804	2427	2252	1989	2355	2006	2109
1951 : Jan.†	2580	9957†	2623	2834†	2199	2558	2460†	2488†
Feb.†	2660	10597†	2786	2957†	2233	2640	2532†	2562†
Mar.†	2802	11313†	2796	3073†	2453	2688	2756†	2735†

\* Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index.      This Index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

† Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950. Index numbers shown in Table 50 were calculated using the auction room prices for wool. Below are shown these same indexes re-calculated on the approximate effective prices paid for raw wool for local consumption i.e. auction room price less bounty. Only four groups are affected and these are re-calculated as follows:—

Month	Textiles	Total Basic Materials	Goods Principally Home Produced	Total, All Groups
1950: August	5579	2366	2218	2273
September	5434	2385	2223	2282
October	5438	2447	2255	2317
November	5878	2528	2322	2374
December	5957	2584	2302	2374
1951: January	7717	2706	2377	2430
February	8358	2829	2485†	2529†
March	9074	2945	2673	2677

## 51. Wholesale Price Index Numbers, Certain Countries

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1000

Period	Australia	New Zealand	South Africa	United Kingdom		Canada	United States	France
	Common-wealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Board of Trade	Economist	Dominion Statistician	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.
Year : 1938-39	1011	1021	1004	958	925	953	948	1117
1945-46	1412	1567	1585	1673	1610	1317	1325	5340
1947-48	1588	1730	1741	2032	2055	1756	1971	14514
1948-49	1809	1801	1859	2179	2184	1952	1991	20319
1949-50	2054	1835	1954	2365	2348	1960	1882	21957
1948: June	1667	1818	1829	2170	2172	1893	2042	18430
Dec.	1827	1784	1832	2157	2196	1988	1995	21482
1949: June	1858	1793	1907	2266	2212	1935	1898	19749
Dec.	2043	1823	1936	2355	2344	1935	1858	21820
1950: June	2229	1987	2048	2510	2507	2053	1933	103†
July	2231	1997	2056	2542	2545	2081	2002	106†
Aug.	2319*	2003	2063	2580	2579	2117	2045	107†
Sept.	2336*	2009	2081	2659	2680	2184	2083	112†
Oct.	2372*	2019	2082	2731	2743	2160	2078	113†
Nov.	2429*	2025	2112	2824	2792	2183	2110	117†
Dec.	2429*	2039	2142	2856	2821	2210	2154	120†
1951: Jan.	2488*	n.y.a.	2163	2931	2897	2282	2213	123†
Feb.	2563*	n.y.a.	2178	2986	2947	2343	2256	130†
Mar.	2735*	n.y.a.	2212	3064	2981	n.y.a.	2261	n.y.a.

\* See Note † Table 50.

† New Series. Base : 1949=100.

## 52. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

## (a) Sydney (Group Indexes and "All Items")

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "All Items"	
					Index Number	Increase from Sept. Qr., 1939
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933	..
1943 : June*	1065	1042	1479	1162	1165	24.9
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	22.3
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	28.0
1948 : June	1235	1046	1748	1267	1305	39.9
1949 : June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	52.7
1950 : March	1459	1049	2190	1435	1515	62.4
June	1518	1049	2307	1446	1564	67.6
September	1599	1050	2373	1473	1613	72.9
December	1713	1050	2447	1527	1680	80.1
1951 : March	1826	1051	2541	1565	1749	87.5

## (b) Districts of New South Wales ("All Items")

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1943 : June*	1165	1126	1185	1140	1107	1162
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1948 : June	1305	1263	1364	1271	1263	1302
1949 : June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
1950 : March	1515	1473	1614	1495	1475	1513
June	1564	1519	1646	1555	1522	1562
September	1613	1552	1717	1597	1570	1610
December	1680	1628	1790	1664	1641	1678
1951 : March	1749	1724	1834	1739	1707	1748

\* War-time peak. † Weighted average for foregoing five towns.

## 53. Basic Wage: Industrial Awards, New South Wales—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney.				State Crown Employees—All Districts, N.S.W.			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
Shillings per Week.								
1939*	81	82	81	82	80	80	80	80
1940	82	83	85	85	81	81	83	84
1941	88	88	89	89	86	87	87	88
1942	91	93	95	97	90	92	94	96
1943	98	98	100	99	97	97	99	98
1944	99	99	99	99	97	97	97	98
1945	99	98	98	99	97	97	97	97
1946	99	99	100	{ 101 } 108†	98	98	99	{ 99 } 106†
1947	108	110	110	112	107	108	109	111
1948	114	116	120	122	113	115	118	121
1949	124	127	130	132	123	126	129	131
1950	135	138	142	{ 146 } 165†	134	137	141	{ 145 } 165†
1951	173	180			173	180		

\* In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

† As a result of judgments of Commonwealth Arbitration Court, special increases were awarded, viz.: 7s. in December, 1946, and 19s. (State Crown Employees, 20s.) in December, 1950.

**Female Wages.**—The minimum wage per week payable to adult females (Sydney) was £6 3s. 6d. from December, 1950, £6 9s. 6d. from February, 1951, and £6 15s. from May, 1951.

## 54. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number			
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†	Adult Males	Adult Females
1939 : Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945 : Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1946 : Dec.	130.9	80.3	2554	2956	43.5	43.9
1947 : June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
Dec.	141.3	84.3	2757	3103	41.1	41.8
1948 : June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3403	40.0	40.0
Dec.	159.8	100.0	3117	3681	40.0	40.0
1949 : Mar.	161.6	101.2	3154	3724	40.0	40.0
June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
Dec.	171.9	108.1	3355	3979	40.0	40.0
1950 : Mar.	174.8	109.4	3410	4028	40.0	40.0
June	179.3	114.3	3499	4207	40.0	40.0
Sept.	184.5	115.9	3600	4265	40.0	40.0
Dec.	209.5	139.9	4088	5151	40.0	40.0
1951 : Mar.	216.7	144.2	4228	5308	40.0	40.0

\* Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000.

† Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000.

‡ Forty-hour week under State awards from 1st July, 1947.

§ Forty-hour week under Commonwealth awards from 1st January, 1948.

## 55. Oversea Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Australia on—	Quotation	1938-39		1946		1949		1950		1951	
		Average		June		June		June		May	
London ...	£A to £stg.100	125.25		125.25		125.25		125.25		125.25	
New Zealand ...	£A to £N.Z.100	100.33		100.25		124.27		124.27		124.27	
South Africa ...	£A. to £S.A.100	124.70		124.88		124.88		124.88		124.88	
Montreal ...	Can. \$ to £A.1	3.79		3.54		3.22		2.46		2.38	
New York ...	U.S. \$ to £A.1	3.78		3.22		3.22		2.24		2.24	
France ...	francs to £A.1	141.75		383.24		875.85		782.44		782.44	
Belgium ...	francs to £A.1	111.58		141.02		141.02		111.78		111.78	
India ...	rupees to £A.1	10.69		10.64		10.64		10.64		10.64	